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COMNAVBASE GTMO HAS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

1. A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT RUSSIAN, CZECH, CHINESE AND POLISH TROOPS HAVE BEEN DISEMBARKED AT MARIEL, CABANAS AND BAHIA HONDA IN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE; HAVANA IN HAVANA PROVINCE; MATANZAS IN MATANZAS PROVINCE; AND CASILDA IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE. (B-3)

2. THE FOREIGN TROOPS IN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE ARE REPORTED QUARTERED IN MALAS AGUAS (NEAR SANTA LUCIA), SAN JULIAN BASE ON MENDOZA ROAD MUNICIPALITY OF GUANE, AND IN PLACE KNOWN AS THE FIRING RANGE OF LA GUATANA ON ROAD TO LA COLOMA. (B-3)

3. IT IS FURTHER REPORTED THAT CONTINGENTS OF FOREIGN SOLDIERS HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF ALL COASTAL ARTILLERY FROM SANTA FE TO EXPERANZA AND FROM SAN GALLETANO TO CABANAS. THE SOURCE ESTIMATES THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND TROOPS ARE LOCATED IN PLACES MENTIONED IN PARA. 2 & 3. (B-3)

4. A RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES THAT THE TROOPS THAT DISEMBARKED AT MARIEL ARRIVED ABOARD BLOC SHIPS LTGOV, SRETENSK, LEVASAGOR, AND BALTIJSK. (B-3)

5. IT IS REPORTED THAT BLOC TROOPS IN HAVANA PROVINCE ARE LOCATED AT SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS A/F, TORRENS REFORMATORY TWO AND ONE HALF MILES ON THE ROAD TO SAN PEDRO FROM HAVANA, MANAGUA CAMP IN BEJUCAL, AND AT AN UNLOCATED PLACE ON THE ROAD FROM CAIMITO DEL GUAYABAL TO SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS. SEVERAL THOUSAND FOREIGN TROOPS ARE

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ESTIMATED IN THESE AREAS. (B-3)

6. ALTHOUGH THE PRESENT LOCATION OF FOREIGN TROOPS DISEMBARKED AT PORT OF MATANZAS IS UNKNOWN, IT IS REPORTED THAT THEIR ARRIVAL IS COMMON GOSSIP, AND A HARBOR PILOT ESTIMATED SEVERAL THOUSAND WERE DISEMBARKED FROM TWO BLOCK SHIPS. (B-3)

7. IT IS REPORTED THAT ELEVEN HUNDRED FOREIGN TROOPS WERE DISEMBARKED THROUGH THE PORT OF CASILDA, BUT THEIR PRESENT LOCATION IS UNKNOWN. (B-3)

8. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE THE INFORMATION RELATED PARA. ONE THROUGH SEVEN IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNLOADING OF WAR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE MIDDLE OF JULY THRU 11 AUG 1962. THE EQUIPMENT HAS GENERALLY ACCOMPANIED THE TROOPS TO THE MILITARY BASE WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. ALL THE PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN NAMED ARE IMPORTANT MILITARY BASES AND CAMPS AND, INVARIABLY, UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOREIGN SOLDIERS, THE CUBAN MILITIA HAS ABANDONED THE PLACE LEAVING THE ESTABLISHMENT UNDER THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE FOREIGN SOLDIERS. THE VISIT OF RAUL CASTRO TO THE SOVIET UNION HAD THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING HELP FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND BECAUSE OF THAT, IT IS REPORTED THAT SOVIETS AGREED TO SEND A TOTAL OF 15,000 CHINESE AND 15,000 RUSSIANS TO CUBA. (B-3)

9. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE AREA SOUTHEAST OF BANES FROM EMBARCADE DE BANES VU285135 TO THE COAST AT MOUTH OF BAHIA DE BANES HAS BEEN EVACUATED OF ALL CUBAN FAMILIES, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NAVAL BASE HAS BEGUN. THIS AREA IS SOUTH OF MISSILE SITE REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ONE KRONSTADT CLASS PC AND TWO PT BOATS WERE REPORTED NOW OPERATING IN THIS GENERAL AREA. (B-3)

10. RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT A SOVIET SHIP ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA ON 29 AUG WITH CARGO AND PASSENGERS. UPON ARRIVAL, ORDERS WERE GIVEN FOR ALL CUBAN PERSONNEL TO LEAVE THE DOCK AREA. TWO RAILROAD CARS WERE BROUGHT ON THE PIER TO TAKE UNDETERMINED CARGO FROM THE SHIP. SOVIET SHIPBOARD PERSONNEL ACTUALLY PERFORMED THE UNLOADING OPERATION.

11. THE UNLOADING OF CARGO OFF THREE BLOC SHIPS WAS COMPLETED ON 25 AUG

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IN NICARO. THIS CARGO WAS LOADED ON TRAILERS AND MOVED TO BANES. BOXES THE LENGTH OF THE LOWBOY TRAILER WERE OBSERVED ON NUMEROUS TRAILERS. CEMENT BLOCKS APPROX. 8 FEET BY 4 FEET BY ONE FOOT WERE ALSO UNLOADED FROM THE SHIPS AND PUT ON TRAILERS. SEVERAL HUNDRED TRIPS WERE MADE FROM NICARO TO BANES BY THE (UNKNOWN NUMBER) TRAILERS INVOLVED TO COMPLETE THIS HAUL. (B-2)

12. ON 28 AUG 1962, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF TANKS WERE REPORTED ON MANEUVERS NEAR LA MAYA (VT325300). (B-3)

13. AT TWO SCHOOLS IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, IT IS REPORTED THAT FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE ALLEGEDLY THERE ON SCHOLARSHIPS. THE SCHOOL OF ARTS IN SANTIAGO HAS 300 RUSSIAN, CHINESE AND NEW GUINEANS. SAGRADO CORAZON COLLEGE HAS 200 CHINESE "END". COMMENT: INFORMANT STATES THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE WELL ABOVE ACADEMIC AGE, THE CHINESE APPEAR TO BE POLISH-ED PROFESSIONALS AND ARE FINE PHYSICAL SPECIMENS.

14. ON NIGHT OF 27 AUG 1962, TWENTY-FOUR FLAT BED RAIL CARS EACH CONTAINING A AVMG A T-34 TANK WAS OBSERVED ON A RAIL SIDING IN SAN LUIS VT115321. ALSO APPROX. 100 MEN IN UNIFORM BELIEVED TO BE SOVIETS OR CZECHS WERE WITH THIS TANK CONVOY. CUBAN NATIONALS PRESENT WERE ORDERED TO LEAVE THE AREA. (B-2) COMMENT: POSSIBLY SAME TANKS REPORTED IN PARA. 12.

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